Programme of Action of New Education Policy for Backward-areas

1189. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a Minorities Commission Seminar, a list of 40 districts was prepared and later included by Government in the programme of Action of New Education Policy where sizable educationally backward sections among Muslims were found to exist;

(b) the names of the States in India where Hindus are in Minority and also the names of districts where Hindus form a similar sizable section; and

(l) whether the list of these districts too is being included in the Plan of Action and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education refers to minocity groups in the context of educational deprivation and protection of Constitutional guarantees given to them toestablish and administer their own educational institutions. The approach in the new Policy is to provide to educationally deprived sections incentives and facilities in order that they may make up the disadvantages transmitted through the social environment and the accident of birth.

Parcel Handling Contract held by M|s. Railway Parcels and Goods Porters Co-operative Labour Society Limited, Aligarh

1190. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether parcels handling contract of six stations held by M|s. Railway Parcels and Goods Porters' Cooperative Labour Contract Society Limited, Aligarh, over Lucknow division of the Northern Railway has been further extended|renewed beyond 30th April, 1987;

(b) if so, the monthly payment fixed, duration of contract and other conditions negotiated with the blacklisted Society;

(c) whether it was within the knowledge of the Divisional authorities that the society has been blacklisted on Moradabad Division; and

(d) if so, whether prior permission of the General Manager was obtained by the Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow, before extending|renewing the contract in favour of the society and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The monthly payment fixed is Rs. 61,259|- for a period of two years from 1st May, 1987 to 30th April, 1989. Other negotiated conditions are as follows:—

(i) Supervisory charges .	£10%
(ii) Rest Giver . . .	£ 1/6
(iii) Bonus . . .	8.33%

The Society is now not blacklisted. The order of backlisting the Society on Moradabad Division, issued by Divisional Railway Manager, Moradabad, has been cancelled by the General Manager, Northern Railway.

(d) Question does not arise.

Use of Vitamin 'C' in Deaddiction

1191. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Research has concluded that Vitamin 'C' can cure Drug addicts can be successfully used for weaning them away from addiction; and

(b) what are the other predominent methods adopted to wean the Drug addicts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Among the methods that can be used for detoxification on drug addicts are administering of following drugs:

(1) Methadone;

(2) Tinct of opium and chlorpromazine;

(3) Anti-depressents.

However, Methadone as a drug for withdrawal has been rejected for general use in India by Expert Committees.

Evaluation of the Work Done by Deccan College, Pune for Compiling a Sanskrit Dictionary

1192. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 220 given in the Raja Sabha on 29th April, 1987 and to state :

(a) whether the work-done by Deccan College, Pune for compiling a Sanskrit Dictionary has been evaluated; and

(b) if so, what are the detais thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of the compilation of Sanskrit Dictionary on Historical principles undertaken by Deccan College, Pune has been evaluated from time to time and further grants have been sanctioned on the basis of Evaluation Reports. Five Review Committees Evaluated the work in 1954, 1968, 1972, 1977 and 1986 respectively. The quality of the volumes of this encyclopadic work of international repute published so far have been highly appreciated.

Travelling Allowance Paid to Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad

1193. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of travelling allowance claimed and paid to the present Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad, during the period from January, 1985 to June, 1987 monthwise separately;

(b) whether the claim was preferred for carrying out inspections and other official duties and a declaration to this effect was recorded by the officer concerned;

(c) what is the number of visits shown in the travelling allowance bills for Kanpur only during the above mentioned period monthwise separately and the break up of the amount paid so far; and

(d) what is the number of occasions on which the Officer availed of the facility of rest house, retiring room and or carriage etc., to accommodate himself and his family during night stay at Kanpur during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The amount of travelling allowance claimed and paid to the present Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad from January, 1985 to June, 1987 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of visits shown for Kanpur and the amount of travelling allowance claimed for the period from January, 1985 to June, 1987 is given in the Statement-II. (*See* below).

(d) During the period from January, 1985 to June, 1987 the officer availed the retiring room facilities on 14 occasions and carriage facilities on 5 occasions.